

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1801 - SB 1932

March 15, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends TCA to: (1) adopt provisions of Federal Law which allows employers to cease paying unemployment insurance premiums for alien farm workers. (Alien farm workers are not eligible for unemployment benefits); (2) Excludes newspaper distributors as direct sellers; therefore they are not considered employees under the Tennessee Employment Security law; (3) Provides that overissuance of food stamps may be deducted from an individual's unemployment weekly benefits; (4). Provides that a state agency or local child support enforcement agency may disclose confidential unemployment insurance information to any agent of an agency under contract with the state or local child support enforcement agency to establish and carry out child support obligations; and (5) Establishes a Class C misdemeanor to knowingly provide confidential information to those not entitled to receive such information according to the provisions of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000

Increase Local Govt.. Revenues - Not Significant

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Other Fiscal Impact- Decrease Revenues/Not Significant - Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund

Assumes an increase in state expenditures to the extent the Department of Human Services chooses to have food stamp overissuances deducted from unemployment insurance benefits. Expenditures incurred by Employment Security will have to be reimbursed from state funds.

Assumes decrease in premiums paid into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund will not be significant.

Impact on local governments depends on the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director